

E-002/RP-93-630 ORDER GRANTING PETITION TO INTERVENE

BEFORE THE MINNESOTA PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION

Don Storm	Chair
Tom Burton	Commissioner
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Dee Knaak	Commissioner

In the Matter of the Petition of	ISSUE DATE: December 6, 1993
Northern States Power for	
Approval of its Resource Plan	DOCKET NO. E-002/RP-93-630
	ORDER GRANTING PETITION TO
	INTERVENE

PROCEDURAL HISTORY

On July 1, 1993, Northern States Power (NSP) filed its resource plan pursuant to Minn. Rules, parts 7843.0100 to 7843.0600.

On July 23, 1993, the Izaak Walton League of America (IWLA) petitioned to intervene in this proceeding.

On August 4, 1993, the Minnesotans for an Energy-Efficient Economy (ME3) petitioned to intervene in this proceeding.

On August 23, 1993, the Union of Concerned Scientists (UCS) petitioned to intervene in this proceeding.

On August 27, 1993, the Mankato Area Environmentalists (MAE) petitioned to intervene in this proceeding.

On September 27, 1993, Northern Natural Power, Inc. petitioned to intervene in this proceeding.

On October 26, 1993, the Commission issued its ORDER GRANTING PETITIONS TO INTERVENE. In this Order, the Commission permitted intervention and conferred party status on the Izaak Walton League of America (IWLA), Minnesotans for an Energy-Efficient Economy (ME3), the Union of Concerned Scientists (UCS), the Mankato Area Environmentalists (MAE), and Northern Natural Power, Inc.

On October 26, 1993, the Institute for Local Self-Reliance (ILSR) filed a petition to intervene in this proceeding.

On November 24, 1993, the Commission met to consider this matter.

FINDINGS AND CONCLUSIONS

Minn. Rules, part 7843.0400, subpart 7 provides that the deadline for petitions to intervene in resource plan proceedings is November 1 of the year the utility's proposed resource plan is filed. Since NSP filed its resource plan on July 1, 1993, the deadline for filing petitions to intervene is November 1, 1993. The petition at issue in this Order, ILSR's petition filed October 26, 1993, then, was timely filed.

ILSR is not an intervenor of right in this matter. It must show that it is an "interested person" within the meaning of Minn. Rules, part 7843.0300, subpart 7.

ILSR is a nonprofit organization which promotes environmentally sound economic development strategies. In explaining its interest in this matter, ILSR stated that in this proceeding it will focus on contingency planning, renewable energy, technologies, cogeneration and small scale power production. ILSR also indicated its intent to encourage the incorporation of environmental externalities when determining the costs of a particular resource.

ORDER

1. The petition of the Institute for Local Self-Reliance (ILSR) to intervene in this matter is granted. Henceforth, ILSR shall have party status in this matter with all the rights and responsibilities thereof.
2. This Order shall become effective immediately.

BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION

Burl W. Haar
Executive Secretary

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